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RAILWAYS
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PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO CORPORATE WORLD BY RAILTEL WING
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways through its RailTel Wing is planning to help Corporate World by providing them information and images from their remotely located plants using Wide Area Network Technology (WAN);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits likely to accrue to the Railways therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir. RailTel has built a nationwide Wide Area Network (WAN), which can be used by corporate world for exchanging the information from their remotely located plants.

(b) This is based on VPN (Virtual Private Network) technology, which provides cost effective network connectivity to the user. The connectivity can be extended to large number of places along the RailTel's 31,000 Route Kilometer Optical Fibre Network, thus making this facility available in remote, rural and semi urban areas apart from large cities.

(c) This will generate revenue for Railways by utilizing the surplus capacity on its Telecommunication network.